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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2131

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For: EXTENDED KEY GENERATOR,
ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION
UNIT, EXTENDED KEY
GENERATION METHOD, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM

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Washington, DC 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-26, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 27-46 as follows:

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27. (NEW) An expansion key generation apparatus, which generates expansion keys based on input keys, the apparatus comprising a plurality of cascade-connected key transform devices, each of the key transform devices comprising: